

The 1995 AMA Alumni Reunion saluted all the brave Augusta men - living and dead - who brought honor to their country and to AMA in World War II. Veterans in attendance at the Saturday banquet pose for The Bayonet.

Reunion honors WW II Vets

The Old Soldiers came back on the 50th Anniversary of VE Day. Augusta men who were soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen and coast guardsmen in the Great World War II. AMA alumni from the Classes of 1919 forward were on hand to salute Augusta's World War II heroes during the annual AMA Reunion in Staunton the first weekend in May.

At the Saturday night banquet, the Honor Roll of AMA cadets who died in World War II was read. WWII veterans in attendance paid tribute to the Augusta men who did not come home. 53 Augusta alumni lost their lives in the War. (See page 11)

The reunion weekend began under threatening skies at Lexington where the VMI Corps of Cadets honored AMA at a late afternoon dress parade. On Saturday afternoon, the sun shone on Founder's Day ceremonies in the Old Stone Church Cemetery where **Mal and Linda Roller Livick** remembered AMA's founder, **Professor Charles S. Roller**, and his sons, **Colonel Tom Roller** and **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.**

The general membership meeting Saturday morning heard re-
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Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.



May 1995

Dear Fellow Alumnus,

Our 1995 Annual Reunion was a smashing success! So many people have told me that they thought this year's reunion was the best we have ever had.

Many fellows came back for the first time in many years as we honored all the AMA cadets who served in World War II. At the Saturday banquet, there was a moving tribute to the 53 Augusta alumni who were killed in action during the War. **Mal and Linda Roller Livick** led the Founder's Day ceremonies in the Old Stone Church Cemetery with poignant memories of their family members who rested nearby.

And of course - the camaraderie between old friends and new, sharing tall tales about Augusta and getting caught up on the latest news. All in all, a truly wonderful weekend for everyone who attended.

I want to give special thanks to **Tom Simmons, '53** who made all the hotel and catering arrangements; to **Frank Spencer, '49** who arranged for AMA to be honored with a dress parade by the VMI Corps of Cadets; to **Bill Klinck, '62** who donated the flowers which graced the World War II commemorative plaque which used to hang in the Front Arch; to **Nicky Syropoulos, '69** for his always successful and entertaining auctioneering; to **Harry Campbell, '70** for his research into the war records of AMA's World War II heroes; and to **Liz Hash, wife of John, '75** for putting on the ladies' luncheon.

If you did not attend, talk with someone who did. I am sure they will tell you that it was truly an unforgettable weekend. You should be making your plans now to attend our 1996 reunion weekend honoring all Augusta men who served in the Korean War, the Vietnam War and Desert Storm. It will be another very special occasion for everyone who loves AMA.

Sincerely,

K. Gary Nicholson

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Scholarship Winner Thanks Association

"I want to thank the entire AMA Alumni Association for awarding me a scholarship to VMI again this year. The support you have given me these past two years has helped tremendously and is greatly appreciated, not only by me, but by my family as well.

"My third class (or sophomore) year has been extremely difficult, yet very rewarding. I am an economics and business major with a minor in French and history. In addition to my academic load, I am on the track and cross country teams and serve as a youth counselor at Trinity United Methodist Church here in Lexington.

"I have had two good years here at VMI and can only look

forward to two more. I hope to go on to graduate school, possibly at James Madison University, seeking my masters in business administration or business marketing.

"Again, I thank you for the support you have given me. Please extend my gratitude to the entire AMA Alumni Association. If ever the opportunity arises for me to thank the Association in person, I'd be glad to talk more about my cadetship and how much your group has helped me and my family."

Sincerely,

Will Martin

Mount Sidney, VA

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Class Notes \ Class Notes \ Class Notes

1918

John Reed will celebrate his 96th birthday on 27 June. John writes that he *"enjoys reading The Bayonet very much."* Big Barracks was new when John left AMA to attend the University of Michigan. He went into the Army, but served only two months and twelve days before World War I ended 11 November 1918. John is in good health and now lives in Lexington, Kentucky.

1919

Robert Gordon was the oldest alumnus attending the 1995 reunion. He lives in Davidson, NC and told everyone, *"I'll be back next year!"*



Robert Gordon, '19, at the VMI parade

1930

Jack Woods says that at age 83, he tries to *"keep five things in order: my golf swing, my house, my money, a healthy diet and a happy wife."* Jack is interested in having West Coast alumni get together in his home town - Las Vegas, NV.

1931

Ben Chiswell, Captain, US Coast Guard, Retired stays very busy with local Coast Guard functions and gatherings in Lake San Marcos, CA. He also is active in

Kiwanis and is Past President of his local club.

1935

Herb Jacob sends his best to other World War II veterans from his home in Bonner Springs, KS. Herb retired from Hercules, Inc. several years ago

1938

Bob Reisacher, Colonel, US Army, Retired, had hoped to attend the reunion from his home in Santa Fe, NM, but previous commitments prevented his coming. *"I am sure that several Augusta graduates have served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam as I did and it would have been great to be in Fort Defiance with them..."*

Charles "Bud" Ryder, Jr., Major General, US Army, Retired, lives in San Antonio. He regretted not being able to attend the reunion and asked that *"all the cadets of my era be given my best."*

1939

Mel Alper was honored April 26 by the Prevention of Blindness Society in the Washington, DC area. Dr. Alper received the Professional Service Award at the Four Seasons Hotel where Virginia Governor Allen headed the Honorary Committee. Mel was first in his class at AMA, first in his class in medical school, and was an original jet flight surgeon in the US Army Air Corps at the end of World War II.

1941

William Ditto writes from Spotswood, NJ that he is *"still in the insulation business. I had the opportunity to pay back AMA by supplying and installing insulation in the new infirmary. How many remember Doc Roller and Mother Mac and her 'Fleets'?"*

1942

Bill Knox and Marty keep busy travelling and taking care of his special goldfish *"which are more prolific than rabbits."* Bill likes to boat on the Kanawha River near his hometown Charleston, WV and he and Marty are into ballroom dancing.

1943

Herbert McCawley had lunch with **Bill Klinck**, '62, in New Market, VA last fall. He also visited **Jack Sarricks**, '43, in Pensacola, FL and **Bill Grimes**, '43, in Lexington, NC. Herb lives in Indian Harbour Beach, FL and recently completed a trip through the Straits of Magellan.

Leonard Salasky is semi-retired from the wholesale lumber business in Sacramento, CA. His wife of 42 years, Carol, has had a ladies retail clothing store for the past 27 years. Their three daughters live in Dallas, Alaska and Tel Aviv, and a son lives in Sacramento.

Jack Jansing writes from Hobe Sound, FL that one of his neighbors is **Tom Stanley**, '43. *"I also occasionally see **Angus Hines**, '42 and stay in touch with my old roommate **Bill Stuart**, '42. I have three wonderful children and the best wife of 37 years."*

1945

Jack Stanley has remarried following the death of his first wife, Betty. He had sold his trucking company in 1993. Jack and his bride, Susan, have homes both in Roanoke and on Smith Mountain Lake where they get in lots of golf and boating.

Don Wilson has been practicing law in Garland (Dallas County), TX for the past 35 years.

Ray Long is President of the Westbrook Village Men's Golf Club in Peoria, AZ. Ray reports that the club has several hundred members and they play tournament golf twice a week. This summer, he's rented a house on a golf course in Park City, UT for a family reunion.

Turner Dozier, who is a retired Norfolk sports writer, sent a letter to the editor saying, "I fully expect the media to follow Michael Jordan to the 'john' in anticipation of the opportunity to flush him out."

Donald Browne has retired from Pittsburgh Plate Glass after 30 years. He and Carolyn just celebrated 46 years together. Their daughter teaches school in Tennessee. Their son, a West Pointer, is a lieutenant colonel and battalion commander at Fort Stewart.

1946

Carroll Knicely has retired as Secretary of Commerce in the cabinet of the Kentucky Governor, having served in three different administrations. Carroll now is chairman of West Kentucky Corporation, a 42-county economic development agency created by the state legislature. He's also doing economic consulting for a national group of mutual funds.

1947

Monroe "Rodie" Nash, originally from Portsmouth, VA, is now a stockbroker in Virginia Beach.

Johnny Pappas is looking for all the former cadets who made up *The Rhythm Makers* in 1946-47. This great musical group included, in addition to Johnny, **Francis Fields** and **Curtis Lowe** on trumpet, **Ted Altman** on alto sax, **Max Kuniansky** on piano, and **Francis Tokar**, manager of the *Rhythm Makers*. We have only Tokar's address. Anyone know how to find any of the other guys?



Hap Starr, '51, Alex Wattay, '53 and Frank Spencer, '49 at the Saturday night reunion reception. Gary Nicholson, '70, had his uniform on display on the wall.

1948

Barry Spanjaard writes from Canyon Country, CA that he wrote a book in 1981 and tours the world giving lectures. He ran into **John Pappas** on his lecture circuit a few years back and they have stayed in touch since.

Bill Harris tells of his military career when, in 1955, he - a shavetail in the 16th Combat Engineers, 1st Armored Division - continued to miss meetings and checkpoints during maneuvers. "My CO gave me hell for three days over the radio... especially after I had been 'captured' by 'enemy' troops." When Bill finally caught up with his captain, it turned out to be **Jimmy Pigg, '44**. When Jimmy recognized Bill, all was forgiven.

Richard McLaughlin recently visited old friends in Miami and "got my first sun tan in five years." Richard has sold his business in Babylon, NY and hopes to move back to his hometown, Staunton, later this year.

1949

Jim Bob Lane says that he went to Randolph Macon with **Frank Scott, '48** and **Wilson Harrell,**

'47. All belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma. Jim helped arrange the February AMA Alumni Association Board meeting at Virginia Beach.

Frank Spencer has two new grandchildren - Jack Spencer Pace born 19 December 1994 and Kelsey Spencer Rund born 15 February 1995. "That makes six for us - three boys and three girls." Frank tells *The Bayonet* that he served as Chief of Programs and Construction with an Air Force Advisory Group in Vietnam from May 1972 to February of 1973.

1950

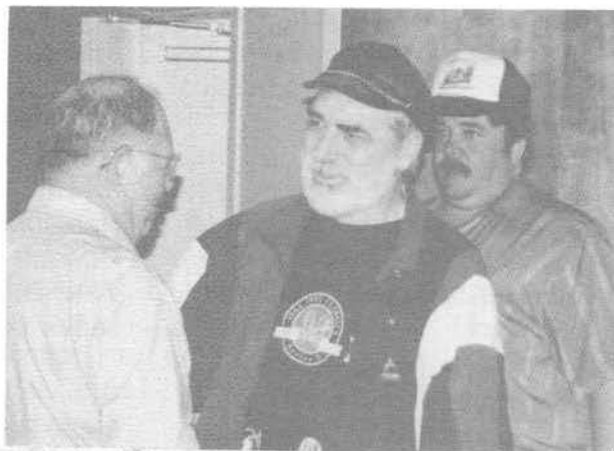
Reverend Jim Lupton has been elected Chairman of the Stuttgart, AR Ministerial Alliance. His son gets married in June and Jim will lead a trip to Israel to visit Christian holy sites in November. If you are interested in joining Jim on this trip, call him at 501/673-3473.

1951

John Herring tells *The Bayonet* that he saw service in the Korean War in the 49th Fighter Bomber Wing, USAF. We are looking for all AMA alumni who served in the Korean or Vietnam conflicts.

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Everyone at the Reunion was very glad to see Ron Mahanes, '53, who has been ill. But Ron decided it was worth the trip from South Carolina to see his old AMA friends. Here, he is greeted in the Hospitality Suite by Tom Mitchell, '52.



Mal Livick speaks to AMA alumni at Founder's Day ceremony. Linda Roller Livick, who also spoke, stands at far right.



President Gary Nicholson, '70, visits with Buddy Cole, '49, of Virginia Beach, a contributor to the AMA Alumni Fund. At the Saturday banquet, contributors to the Alumni Fund (listed on page 12) were honored and given Certificates of Appreciation.

Reunion (from page 1)

ports on attempts by the Wilderness Academy to purchase the school property. The sale of the school to Greater Ministries, Inc. had fallen through in late April and the Craig County, Virginia based Wilderness Academy has expressed an interest in buying the AMA buildings and grounds.

The membership elected two new board members of the AMA Alumni Association, Inc. - **Stephen Matton**, '69, of Virginia Beach and **Willis Walker**, '71, of Portsmouth.

The board reelected **Gary Nicholson**, '70, of Dunkirk, MD as President; **Edwin Click**, '50, of Fort Defiance as Treasurer; **Clyde Ramsey**, '49, of Asheville, NC as Secretary; and **Bill Gray**, '37, of Alexandria as Chaplain. **Bob Bradford**, '50, of Danville, CA, was elected Vice President to replace **Bill Klinck**, '62, of New Market, who had resigned earlier.

May Board Actions

- ☑ Agreed to go from four to three board meetings a year. Date of next board meeting to be announced.
- ☑ Discussed an AMA museum.
- ☑ Will continue to grant four \$500 VMI Scholarships and one \$1000 Legacy Scholarship each year. New funding proposals were discussed.
- ☑ Elected new officers to serve from July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996.
- ☑ Voted to have the 1996 Reunion honor AMA veterans of Desert Storm and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.
- ☑ Determined that all fund raising for the Association should have a clearly stated purpose, first approved by the Board.
- ☑ Tabled a fund raising proposal from Excel Telecommunication.
- ☑ Heard a report that the purchase of the school and grounds by Greater Ministries, Inc. had fallen through, and that the Wilderness Academy of Craig County, Virginia may be interested in buying the school.
- ☑ Heard that a petition has been filed in Federal Bankruptcy Court to retrieve school records from the owners.

CLASS NOTES (from page 4)

1952

Otto Cuervo is being sought by **Bob Harris**. Bob says that Otto used to visit his home when they both were at AMA, but since the Castro takeover in Cuba, he has not heard from Otto. Does anyone know Otto's whereabouts?

Richard Chichester received the U.S. dairy industry's most coveted award last October, honoring him for his work with the artificial insemination of cattle and the use of genetics to improve milk quality and output. Dick has been CEO of Select-Sires in Columbus, OH for the past 22 years. The Guest of Honor Award noted that he is a leader in the U.S. genetic industry.

1955

John Chichester is presently the senior Republican Senator in the Virginia General Assembly. He narrowly lost his campaign to be Lieutenant Governor in 1985.

1957

Jim Hume coaches cross country and track at Hillsdale High in San Mateo, CA. The Reunion weekend was also the weekend of their championship track and field meet where Jim not only coaches, but does the paperwork for 48 events. Sends greetings to everyone who was at AMA with him.

1960

George Holt is going to London, Paris and Amsterdam in July. After back surgery, George stopped his travelling sales job and says he's now just handling shipping, receiving and special projects for his company - Holt Manufacturing of Burlington, NC.

1961

Dave Sauers is founder and president of Sauers Realty, Inc. in Los Angeles. Son Bill graduated from Johns Hopkins in 1992 and is a

2nd lieutenant in the USAR. Daughter Laura finished at Princeton in 1992 and is now a medical student at USC.

Dan Chichester is completing 24 years as Commonwealth's Attorney of Stafford County, VA. He has three sons aged 11, 10 and 5. Dan has told *The Bayonet* that he served in the Vietnam War.

1962

Tony Chiaviello is in New Mexico studying for his PhD in the rhetoric of science. Tony served as an Army photo journalist with the 1st Cavalry in Vietnam. He attended Oberlin College on the GI Bill, then drove a cab in Denver while completing his MA in film. Tony has been a college teacher since 1987 and visited with **Mal Livick** and **Henley Carter** in 1992.



Julian Quarles, '35, and Tommy Simmons, '53 share some Augusta experiences at the 1995 AMA Alumni Reunion.

1963

Bob Whitlingler is Vice President of Loss Control at a workers' comp company in Westminster, CA. He's been in California since 1980 and served in the Marines in Vietnam, MAAG 16. He has two children - 29 and 21, and he and Debbie, his wife of five years, now have an 11-month-old daughter, Celine.

1964

Dawson Raymo is looking for two good men: **Ken Eichner** from his class and **Bob Cooper, '65**. Can anyone help him find them?

Contact *The Bayonet* if you can help Dawson. He is a financial consultant with American Express in Newark, NY. He has two children and one of them hopes to attend James Madison in Harrisonburg to play basketball. Dawson was the Virginia State Wrestling Champ in 1964 in his senior year at Augusta.

1968

Mark Briggs sends *The Bayonet* his Internet computer address: markcode@aol.com. He hopes some AMA hacks will contact him on the Internet.

Marc Aronson is President of the 45,000 member Pennsylvania Association of Notaries and is spending much of his time giving educational seminars across the state. He has a 5-year-old son, Alexander. Marc's Internet address is pan@notary.pgh.net.

1969

Nick Syropoulos is a Baltimore Orioles baseball fan who strongly supported Orioles owner Peter Angelos' decision not to use replacement players in the recent
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Legacy Scholarship goes to son of Bob Yerkey, '61

Michael Richard Yerkey, son of **Robert A. Yerkey, '61**, has been awarded the 1995 Augusta Military Academy \$1000 Legacy Scholarship for his initial enrollment in college.

The Yerkeys live in Mogadore, OH where Michael will graduate in June from Fields High School. He has been accepted into the Corps of Cadets at Norwich University, Vermont. He'll major in history.

Bob says that he is "very proud of Michael." He hopes to bring him to a reunion in the near future.

The AMA Legacy Scholarship was created in 1994 to support directly postsecondary education for the children and grandchildren of former AMA cadets. One \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a high school senior or high school graduate planning for the first time to



Michael Richard Yerkey

enter college or a recognized technical/vocational school for further training beyond the high school level.

"Child" and "grandchild" include a natural, step, or legally adopted child or grandchild who is under

the age of 25.

The scholarship applications were judged by Ms. Hope R. Botterbusch, Director of the Manatee Educational Television Consortium in Bradenton, FL.

Contributions Sought

Contributions to the AMA Legacy Scholarship fund are tax-deductible and are now being solicited for the 1996 scholarship. Alumni seeking information about the program or desiring to contribute to it should write:

AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 101

Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101

The funds for this year's scholarship were donated by **Bob Bradford, '50**, and his wife, **Nancy**.

The Bayonet will announce the 1996 application date next March.

Missing doorknobs?

School sale up in air once more

Once more, it appears that the sale of the AMA school property has hit a snag.

General Ministries, Inc. (GMI) of Tampa appeared to have closed a deal on the school when the current owner was unable to top their \$345,000 bid. In late April, GMI made a final inspection of the property with Crestar Bank, holder of the mortgage.

GMI is reported to have changed their mind about their purchase of AMA when "certain things" were not in order during this inspection. A newspaper reported that "some doorknobs and other such things" could not be accounted for.

The same day that GMI indicated an unwillingness to go forward with the purchase, another potential buyer expressed an interest in acquiring some or all of AMA.

The Wilderness Leadership Academy (WLA) is a private school

in Craig County, Virginia where "at risk" boys are schooled. Presently, the Academy has ten students year round and 16 to 24 in the summers. They use "the wilderness experience" to teach their students the lessons of life.

WLA is operated by Colonel Gene Nervo, USMC, Retired of New Castle in Craig County. Craig is a mountainous, rural county west of Roanoke bordering West Virginia. Much of the county's land is in the Jefferson National Forest.

Apparently, GMI has until the first of June to settle on the property before Crestar can offer it to someone else. WLA is seeking financing and a special use zoning permit to operate their academy.

Colonel Nervo plans to begin operation with some 30 students who likely would be housed in the Junior School barracks, together with WLA faculty members.

The Federal Bankruptcy Referee in Harrisonburg is expected to grant WLA sufficient time to arrange financing and rezoning.

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Officers, Board elected for '95-'96

The officers and board listed above were chosen May 6 during the 1995 Reunion in Staunton.

Re-elected as officers were **Gary Nicholson, '70**, President; **Ed Click, '50**, Treasurer; **Clyde Ramsey, '49**, Secretary; and **Bill Gray, '37**, Chaplain. **Bob Bradford, '50**, was elected Vice President replacing **William G. Klinck, '70**, who had previously resigned the office.

Note: Numbers in brackets [] indicate when board term expires

SPOTLIGHT

on Colonel Bill "Bronco" Lane

Lieutenant Colonel William E. "Bronco" Lane, '68 was born in Pittsburgh where his proud Dad William J. Lane, '47 still lives. The younger Bill entered the Army in 1970 after graduating from AMA and served as a soldier, sergeant and an officer in a myriad of tactical, command and staff positions.

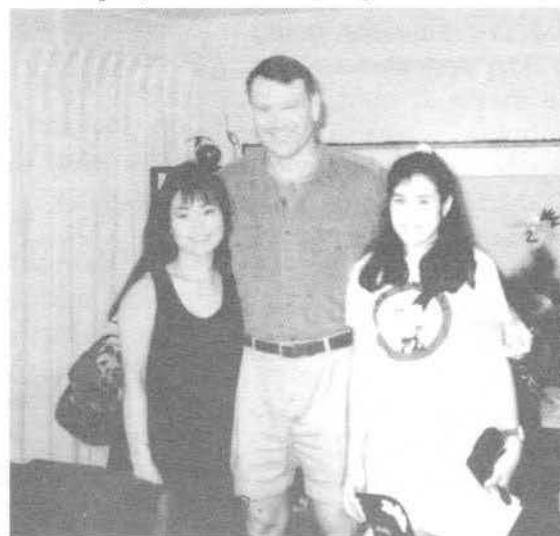
Currently the CO of the 112th Signal Battalion (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, Colonel Lane prepared the battalion to deploy to Rwanda in support of humanitarian efforts immediately upon assuming command. Following stand down from the Rwanda deployment, Colonel Lane and his unit were sent to Haiti as a part of *Operation Uphold Democracy*. His superior officers gave him high commendations and recommended that he be promoted ahead of his contemporaries.

Bronco has served in the 82nd Airborne, 1st Special Forces, 1st Ranger Battalion, VII Corps, 25th Infantry Division, 2nd Infantry Division, Special Operations Command - Pacific, the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission and the XVIII Airborne.

His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the

Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and numerous other awards and decorations.

He is married to the former Yong Hui Min (Mindy) of Taejon, Korea and they have two daughters -



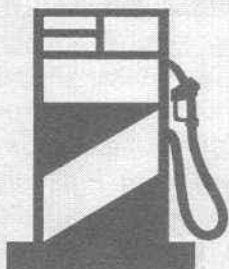
LTC Bill "Bronco" Lane with his wife, Mindy, left, and daughter, Teresa, right.

Vanessa and Teresa.

Proud Dad, Bill, Senior thinks that his son "is a hell of a good soldier," and the Army appears to agree. His latest efficiency

report suggests that Colonel Lane attend the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA which is the next step in promotion to full colonel.

The Bayonet joins in commending and congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Bill "Bronco" Lane!



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CLASS NOTES (from page 6)

major league baseball strike. *USA Today* reported: "(Many Orioles fans) support Angelos. 'You've got to commend the man for going against the flow and standing up for what he thinks is right,' said Nick Syropoulos... whose late father was Angelos' legal client 30 years ago." Nick and some pals planned an early-morning trip to the Baltimore Orioles stadium to post a huge banner which read "IRREPLACEABLE ORIOLES" as a show of support for Angelos. Once the strike was called off, so was Nick's plot. Nick's Prodigy computer address: WURL45A.

Steve Matton, just elected to the AMA Alumni Association Board, sends us his Prodigy address: WPVF11A.

1970

Bob Mitchell has been married to Kathy for 11 years and they have two "great kids" - Megan, 8, and Robbie, Jr., 4. Bob is the Fire Marshall/Emergency Management Coordinator for his Erie, PA township, loves his job, but "wishes I were retiring like **Steve Trent**."

Doug McMullan is a songwriter, standup comic and actor living in Venice, CA. He's been on MTV and *Entertainment Tonight*. Doug says he has fond memories of the Roller Rifles and "am proud that I am a part of AMA."

1971

Steve Pearson lives in Bradenton, FL where he is director of Sure Torque, a company that manufactures quality control test equipment for the packaging industry. He and his wife of 15 years, Mad, have two daughters - Kristen, 11, and Leah, 6. Steve hopes someone has an address for **John Porcher**, '70.

1972

Tom Cooper writes from Saudi Arabia that he "really enjoys *The Bayonet*....AMA was home to me for five years and I have many great memories." Last year, Tom went to Sri Lanka, Scotland, London Holland, Bahrain, and, late in the year, got back to the U.S. for 30 days.

Alan Samuels is a free lance motion picture mixer in the LA area. He has worked as an audio engineer on *Home Improvement* and *Rosanne* as well as on several ABC-TV promos. He lives in Granada Hills, CA.



Gary Nicholson, '70, President of the Alumni Association, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Rod Willey, '51, for his financial support of the Association.

1973

John Brill is a cable design engineer at the Rochester Corporation in Culpeper, VA. After leaving AMA, he attended both J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College and Old Dominion University and still takes computer classes. "I unfortunately didn't graduate from AMA... I thought I didn't like it (but) looking back on it makes me think a little differently."

1974

Warren Tochtermann says he visit-

ed Augusta in 1993 and showed the school to his fiancé. "Everything seemed so small... especially the rooms... they were tiny compared to my memories... I did not graduate from Augusta... and dropped out of college to pursue various paths... culminating in a brief, but necessary, stay at an alcohol and drug abuse center." That was 1985. Since then, Warren returned to college and graduated *cum laude*. Now, he's finishing law school at Miami (FL) and taking the bar soon thereafter. Way to go, Warren!

Paul Cartwright graduated from USC and is forming an educational non-profit to teach computer skills in Los Angeles. He currently is a computer consultant for Health Net and has used his desktop publishing skills to print four books. Paul's Internet computer address is ewtek@aol.com.

1976

Jim "Mitch" Mitchell recently expanded Mitchell's Restaurant and Bar in Pittsburgh, adding a second floor banquet room. "I hope any AMA alumnus... who is in downtown Pittsburgh will come in and say hello. The food is almost as good as Cap's was in the mess hall!" Mitch and wife Casey have a 4-year-old daughter, Mal, and a 2-year-old boy, Matt. **Marc Aronson**, '68, is one of Mitch's customers at his restaurant.

Roger Mullis is a surgical technician in Eureka, CA. And when he's not doing that, he teaches sky-diving in Chico, CA.

1979

Mark O'Brien is a maintenance engineer in Atlanta. His Prodigy address is VWCY53A

THE HONOR ROLL OF AMA CADETS WHO DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN WORLD WAR II

Hawes N. ADAMS
Robert J. AST
Parke BAIR, Jr
Joseph X. BELL
Thomas BOWLING
Claude P. BRADLEY
C. Dowell BUCKLEY
Franklin J. BYRD
Clarence CLYBORNE
Charles CRUMMETT
W. Frank CRUMMETT
Philip J. DERMODY
J. Davidson EBORN, Jr
Hubert ELLENBERGER
Sidney R. GITTENS
Ralph J. GREELY
Morris P. GUERRANT
Elbert F. HAMILTON
Charles R. HANES
Calvin HARSHBARGER
Donald R. HIGGINS

Thaddeus W. JONES, Jr
Julian M. KLAUS
John R. LEATHERMAN
John I. MACEY
J. Hubert MATHEWS
Ollie D. MACE, Jr
James B. McCLATCHEY
Bill MONTGOMERY
Thomas R. MOORE, Jr
Hampden P. MORRIS
Henry K. McHARG
Baxter E. McNEER
Rufus A. McPHERSON
Alfred F. ODOM
Spottswood PRESTON
J. Louis PRYOR
Joseph Brent RALEIGH
Matt W. RANSOM
C. Derek REDGRAVE
James F. SEARCY
William Larry STONE

Harry Lee SMITH
W. Frank TUTWILER
Steve VIDNOVIC
R. Douglas WATKINS
John J. WEAVER, Jr
Marvin R. WELLER
T. Spottiswood WEST
Farris L. WHARTON
James T. WHITE
D. Spencer WILSON
F. Godfrey WISHART

ATTENTION!

In the next *Bayonet*, we will print all of the data we have on these brave men. If anyone can help us with information about the fellows on the Honor Roll, please contact Bob Bradford, 1325 Virginia Street, Danville, CA 94526. Phone 510/837-8083. FAX 510/838-0928. Your help will be appreciated.



TAPS

Listed herewith are the deaths of AMA alumni reported since the 1994 Annual Reunion:

Joseph Y. Gunby, '14
Salisbury, Maryland
October 1990

F. R. Morris, '16
Jackson, Michigan
1995

Edgar Allen, III, '26
Richmond, Virginia
23 August 1994

William Woods, Jr., '27
Sevierville, Tennessee
19 February 1995

Henry F. Jacques, '29
Phoenix, Arizona

Francis Harris, Jr., '31
Eden, North Carolina
24 December 1994

Royston Jester, III, '31
Lynchburg, Virginia

Harold Wescoat, '31
Eastville, Virginia
28 August 1980

Charles A. Bell, '33
Culpeper, Virginia
January 1994

Robert H. McEwan, '34
Orlando, Florida

Taylor C. Livick - Attended Junior School
30 May 1994 - Roanoke, Virginia

Thomas B. Tighe, '36
Atlantic Beach, Florida
11 October 1994

Francis G. Mesanko, '39
Seaside Park, New Jersey
March 1995

Kenneth I. Day, '40
Sherman, Texas
1994

Sydnor Montgomery
White, '41
Raleigh, North Carolina
1 July 1994

William Haycox, '43
Virginia Beach, Virginia
April 1995

J. Rahily Rhodes, Jr., '47
Korean War
21 July 1953

Charles E. Bones, '48
Charlotte, North Carolina
October 1994

Walton "Zim" Major, '48
Florence, Kentucky
December 1994

William M. Sanders, '48
Raleigh, North Carolina
31 July 1994

Frank Litton, '49

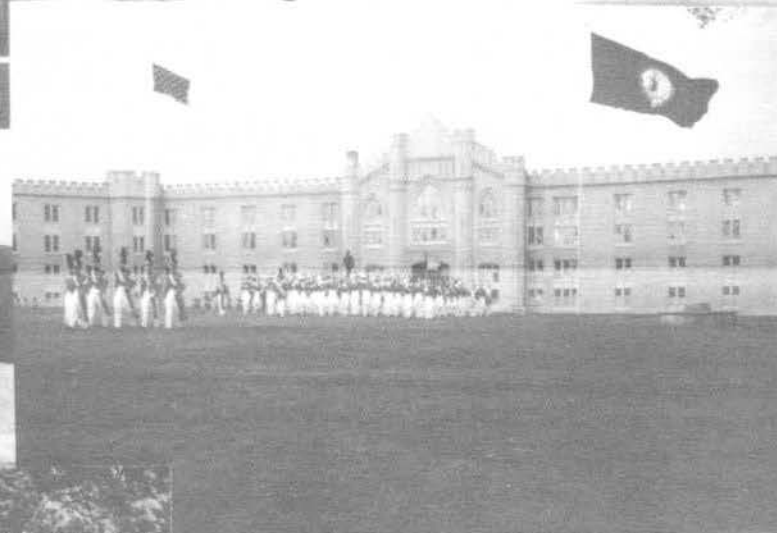
Alexander G. Buck, '73
Tucson, Arizona
September 1985

A. Holm, class unknown
Falls Church, Virginia
1994

Joe Flesher
AMA cook for 24 years
Fort Defiance, Virginia
1994

AMA REUNION REMEMBRANCES...

Clockwise, (1) Registration; (2) VMI Parade; (3) annual auction; (4) Founder's Day crowd; (5) Back at Big Barracks





to every friend of Augusta who has contributed to the AMA Alumni Association this past year. We honor you and we thank you. Without your help, you wouldn't be reading this issue of The Bayonet. We wouldn't have a scholarship program. Your Alumni Association would simply go out of business.

Please - consider now an annual contribution at least at a Full Cadet status. You'll be glad you did. Listed below are some of the friends of Augusta who have pitched in. How about you?

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David R. Price, '60

William G. Klinck, '62

Francis E. Saunders, '38

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Earl Daves Cabaniss, '43
James F. Hunter, '50
Clyde H. Ramsey, '49
Frank E. Spencer, Jr., '49
Stephen G. Trent, '70
Jack G. Woods, '30

Arthur E. Carver, Jr., '32
Carroll F. Knicely, '46
John M. Reed, '18
James E. Starnes, '50
Willis H. Walker, '71
Douglas S. Wright, '37

Marvin E. Gordon, '39
Robert E. Plecker, '40
Russell F. Smith, '62
Lucius H. Stephenson, '39
Alex Wattay, Sr., '53

PATCH CLUB

Robert M. Caudill, '45
Bazil B. Duncan, III, '64
Stephen Matton, '67
John Bolling Minor, '42
Alan L. Poole, '67
Clayton E. Rich, '41
John C. Santmyer, '51

Jim A. Chezem, '48
Timothy S. Kisel, '77
Gordon Metz, '68
K. Gary Nicholson, '70
Kirk A. Pope, Jr., '76
Robert L. Ridgeway, '62
Thomas B. Simmons, '53

James W. Council, '49
James R. Lane, '49
George Mineff, Jr., '77
C. K. Payne, '32
Gardner Ramsey, '48
John A. Russell, '50
Henry C. Watkins, '34

FULL CADET CLUB

Rutland Beard, Jr., '42
Rob Carson, '67
Cecil B. Depriest, '43
Mark Femrite, '71
Mrs. Hilton Roller Grasty
William C. Haycox, '43
Lewis C. Kennett, '72
Harry Stuart Layne, '64
James E. McCausland, '39
Julian Quarles, '35
Howard Rosenthal, '68
Henry C. Watkins, '34

Thomas M. Behrendt, '40
John R. Carter, '53
Walter W. Donald, '36
Oswald O. Ferro, '53
William E. Gray, Jr., '37
George H. Holt, '60
Irvin Gray Kinnie, '49
G. Robert Mariner, '56
Herbert L. McCawley, '43
George L. Reaves, Jr., '69
Nick A. Syropoulos, '69
Daniel Yellott, '51

E. Curtis Burt, Jr., '45
William H. Cole, '49
Donald B. Everitt, Jr., '63
John W. Field, Jr., '47
John Hash, '75
James W. Huntsberry, '51
Lawrence A. Kurtz, '38
Henry R. May, Jr., '47
John J. Pappas, '47
Marcella D. Rhatigan
David D. Trimble, '60
John L. Zirkle, Jr., '59

CADET CLUB

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William H. Rulon, '50
Karl R. Strassman, '53
Rod O. Willey, '51

Larry Stride Coleman, '72
Glenn R. Keller, '75
Mac McInnis, '67
James M. O'Hara, '39
R. Goodloe Saunders, '57
Fred C. Thomas, Jr., '45

Randy Gibbs, '71
Robert S. Knox, Jr., '51
Henry Nalven, '44
E. W. Parkins, Jr., '70
Charles W. Starr, '51
Harold L. Walters, Jr., '48

Augusta Memories...

James "Buddy" McCausland, '39, left AMA without enough credits for a diploma but with enough to be admitted to Lynchburg College. He attended Lynchburg two years before transferring to Washington and Lee. When he was about to graduate from W&L in the war year 1943 and knew that he was going into the Navy, he wrote **Colonel Tom Roller** to ask if he had earned enough credits to get his AMA diploma. *"It came almost by return mail. I have always been grateful to Colonel Tom for this."*

Herb Richey, '40, remembers that *"Larry Montgomery and I built model airplanes together. It worked fine as 'BB' (Major Roller) gave us an empty room on the third stoop rear for our workshop. We got into trouble when we went from rubber bands to gasoline engines. We were testing our engines during study hall one morning (they made an awful racket!). BB was trying to work in his office... In my four years at AMA, I never heard the guardhouse gong rung so long and so loudly. After that, we went back to rubber bands."*

Hal Walters, '48, says that when he was Captain of Headquarters Company, a faculty member had been giving the athletes a hard time. *"The athletes plotted their revenge. They planned to have one of the waiters come into the mess hall carrying four one gallon pitchers of milk. Another waiter was to bump him at just the right time. It worked! Captain Showalter ended up with four gallons of milk running down every inch of him, including his Sam Brown belt. He never hassled the athletes again."*

Duncan Wong, 52, remembers *"when shoes (taken from cadets' rooms overnight) were lined up around the Clay Bowl one morning. And didn't the guardhouse look good painted red? Remember when Colonel Roller's bell disappeared from the mess hall for a time?... On our last day, Colonel Roller said that the year had been the best in the history of the school. He took off his ring and gave it to the First Captain. I often have wondered how many rings Colonel Roller gave away in that manner. If this was the only time he gave his ring to a First Captain, I have the satisfaction of having been a part of Augusta's best year, to that date."*

Bob Ridgeway, '62, attended AMA for six years and was Captain of C Company his senior year. *"While I had a lot of fun and helped create a lot of mischief, I was fortunate to have many great friends and excellent instructors... General Roller, Colonel 'Doc' Savage, and Colonel 'P.V.' Hoover (who gave me two or three 'vacations' from his geometry class)."*

Peyton Lea, '65, remembers a history professor named **Captain Andrews**. *"His nickname was 'Pussyfoot.' He had a penchant for fine cars and owned a '62 Lincoln Continental convertible. One morning, as we assembled on the black top for Reveille, there, on each of the four goal posts, were the tires and rims from Pussyfoot's car!"*

Mark Briggs, '68, says he performed *"many feats of courage and skill at AMA... first in the year to receive penalty tours for dropping fireballs down the radiator pipe hole to the floor below... teamed with Andy Turner to move the cannon and all the seats from the stadium into the front arch... dropped water balloons on cadets at laundry call out John West's third stoop window."*

Steve Pearson, '71, had his last contact with AMA just before the school closed. *"I stopped by in the summer and luckily 'Doc' Savage was there... Now, years later, the banners of middle age are all around me. I have gained some weight, lost some hair, drive a four door car, go to work every day, and chase the white ball... Those of us who graduated in the late '60's and early '70's were never supposed to be like this."*

Wayne Kreson, '83, had the assignment of assuring that penalty laps around the Bowl were performed with zest. *"I had to chase them, rain or snow. I ran after them in full dress and in my pajamas, sweats, and even barefoot. My job was to 'encourage' the laggards!"*



Sergeant Josephson at reunion

Sergeant and Mrs. Joe Josephson attended the May 6 AMA Reunion banquet in Staunton.

Master Sergeant Josephson was originally assigned to the Military Department at Augusta by the Department of the Army in the late '60's. He remained at AMA after his retirement from the Army.

The highly decorated "Sergeant Joe" was a favorite of the Corps of Cadets. He coached the football and basketball teams to several championships in the Virginia Independent League. One of the football team's most notable victories was the stunning 71-0 win over SMA in 1975. That was the last time these two arch rivals met.

Josephson now is Commandant at Miller School in Crozet, VA.

- From our Fort Defiance Correspondent -
Mickey Gordon, '39

Reunion Statistics...

☆ Longest distance travelled:

Bill Leustig, '69, from Los Angeles; **John Clayt Santmyer, '51**, from Chula Vista, CA; **Bob Bradford, '50**, from Danville, CA; **Alan Poole, '67**, Minot, ND; and **Hap Starr, '51**, Virgin Islands.

☆ States with most attendees:

Virginia, 34; Maryland, 11.

☆ World War II Veterans on hand:
16

☆ Best represented classes:

'51 - 7; '45 - 5

☆ Oldest Class represented:

'18 by Robert Gordon

☆ Newest Class represented:

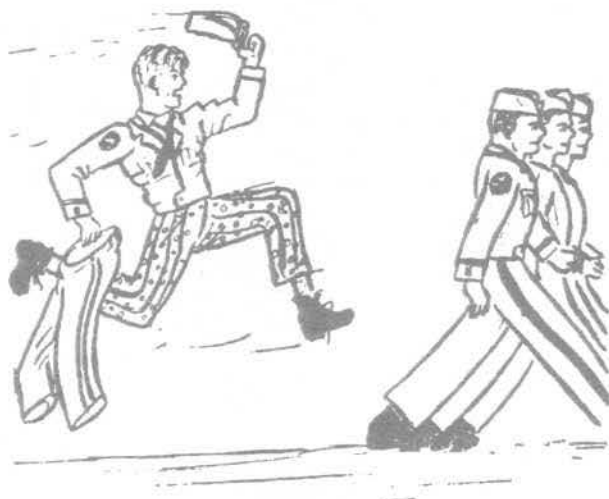
'75 by John Hash, Steven Hemphill and Brett Thompson

☆ Special banquet guest:

Mrs. Lee Manch, wife of the late **Jack Manch, '38**, a member of General Jimmy Doolittle's crew in their World War II raid on Tokyo.



Bill Gray, '37, Augusta's Chaplain, leads the annual TAPS observance in the Old Stone Church Cemetery.



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And it's no fun coming up on deadline to get *The Bayonet* to press and not having enough news from alumni to fill the pages. We need your help, guys! Please tell us what's going on in your life! Job - Retirement - Kids and Grandkids - Travel - Memories of your days at AMA - SEND IT IN!

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AMA vets will be remembered

'96 reunion to honor Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm

The 1996 AMA Reunion will honor all Augusta alumni who served in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and/or Desert Storm.

Alumni Association President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, said that the Alumni Board voted at its May meeting to "search for the names



of AMA men who served in any of these conflicts. For too long, our country has failed to express gratitude to the brave men who defended freedom in sometime unpopular conflicts."

This year's Augusta reunion honored alumni who served in World War II. Fifty-three AMA alumni died during that war. They were remembered at the Saturday banquet as "men who brought honor to their country and to

Augusta Military Academy."

In the year ahead, an effort will be made to identify as many vets of these later conflicts as possible.

Those who served in Korea, Vietnam, or in Desert Storm are asked to contact *The Bayonet* with details. If you know of a classmate or other A M A alumnus who was in the military during these times, please let us hear from you.



"We are aware of only two AMA alumni who died in any of these three conflicts," said *Bayonet* Editor **Bob Bradford, '50**.

Rahily Rhodes, '47, was killed in action 21 July 1953 in the last days of the Korean War. **Gloyd**

Rosen, '51, also was reported killed in action in Korea. "There may be others, but we have no record of them," said



Bradford. "We have heard that there was at least one cadet killed in Vietnam, but there is nothing to substantiate this either."

The intention is to honor all vets of the three wars - living and dead - at next year's reunion.

But we will need lots of help from all our alumni, faculty and friends to identify all these guys. PLEASE CONTACT *The Bayonet* if you can be helpful!

Plan now to attend the 1996 AMA Reunion in the Spring of '96! Full details in the coming issues of *The Bayonet*!



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